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REPORT OF THE UNDERWRITERS CRITICISES PROTECTION FROM FIRE.

Document Presented to Council Last Night Gives Conditions Just as They Were Found With No Recommendations.

THE MATTER OF VOLUNTEERS.

Report Says Paid Men Do Not Care to Avail Themselves of Volunteer Service and There Are Too Few Men Answer Alarms—Origin of Fires Not Investigated.

The report of the Board of Underwriters of the Middle District, on the fire protection of Connellville, submitted before Town Council last night, contains some interesting information. The report states that the Board has to make in that the paid department here, consisting of only four men, apparently does not care to avail itself of the services of the volunteer firemen, and therefore too few men respond to alarms.

Other matters equally interesting, are included, and the discipline of the paid department is reported as being only fair. The arrangement of the paid department is considered poor. On the gravity system the capacity of the high pressure reservoir is given as 20,000,000 and low pressure as 5,000,000 gallons. McCoy reservoir is given an elevation of 175 feet above Pittsburgh street. The static pressure of the highest point in town is 105 pounds and the lowest 50 pounds. The normal pressure maintained is 140 to 150 pounds. The bit of water from the river to the pumping station is 11 feet. There is an emergency line for direct pumping from the river. The Pinnacle, or high service district, is cut off from the low service district by a valve at East Main and a valve street and other places.

Under the head of the pipe scheme the report says that street mains are connected on the gridiron plan, only three dead ends. The mains from the reservoir are not in duplicate. The average diameter of the sub-mains in the business section is 10, 8 and 6 inches and of the cross mains 8, 6 and 4 inches. The average diameter of the residence district is 6 and 4 inches. All pipes are laid in the first line in a workmanlike manner. The fire hydrants are self-draining and protected from frost in the winter. There is a regular system of inspection of hydrants by the authority. Hydrants are regularly flushed. The Robbins and Davidson additions are without hydrants.

The ordinance regulating fire limits in the reconstruction of buildings is observed. The fire alarm system is in charge of a competent electrician. "Discipline of the fire department is fair; paid men do not care to avail themselves of the volunteers' aid, therefore too few men care to answer alarms. The fire department organization is of the fifth class, with four paid men and 45 volunteers. The four paid men consist of a driver, chief and two utility men; the driver lives near the fire house; chief and two men do fire duty. Poor arrangement. Volunteers get \$20 per annum. Department houses, poor. At Mount Pleasant, York avenue and Green and Main streets.

"There are no steamers and no independent chemical engines on wheels. There are two horses. Hoses carts are not drawn by horses. The number of feet of hose is 1,700, which is dried after use at the City Hall tower. There is no fire pump. The police is an organized department with six men, four day and five who do night duty.

"There is no fire marshal. The origin of fires is not investigated. The wiring systems are not in underground conduits. The wiring would interfere with the action of firemen. There are no ordinances regulating the storage or sale of explosives.

The borough of New Haven has the same system, practically, as Connellville."

JOINT MEETING

Of Mine Operators and Miners Takes Place Tomorrow—Interstate Agreement Likely to be Reached

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 18.—The mine operators today held preliminary conference to prepare for joint meeting tomorrow of the operators and miners of the central competitive district.

The mine workers Journal is strenuously advocating the restoration of the interstate agreement. The general belief today restoration will take place.

A SMALL FIRE

At Home of Alfred Chapman From Gas Explosion. There was a small fire last evening at the home of Alfred Chapman No. 413 Gibson avenue. A gas light in the cellar in some manner caused an explosion that set fire to the wood-work above and before Mr. Chapman could put out the blaze it had burned a hole through the dining room floor and destroyed a carpet. The Fire Department was not called.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Of Fayette County Hold Their Annual Meeting at Uniontown Today.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 18.—One of the largest meetings ever held by the School Directors of Fayette county was that in the Methodist Episcopal Church here this morning. Over 100 Directors from all parts of the county were present. At the election of officers but one change was made, that of the Secretary's office. The officers are:

President, George L. Moore of Bridgeport. Vice President, Biddle Hornbeck of Dickinson Run. Secretary, Virgil Hess of Brownsville. Treasurer, John H. Feinkey of Springfield. The same delegates to the State convention, A. E. Jones and Dr. J. S. Arensburg, were re-elected. Dr. P. Morgan of Gana is the retiring Secretary. The report of the last State convention was read and addressed were made by several directors. Coroner A. S. Hagan spoke on the subject of compulsory vaccination.

SUCH A JOLT

Up in New England They Never Heard of Uniontown, It's Always Connellville.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 18.—Connellville teachers at the Institute this week are having lots of fun with their Uniontown friends over a column between Principal W. S. Deffenbaugh of this place and Dr. Stetson, one of the lecturers from Vermont. During the conversation Dr. Stetson remarked that Connellville is the center of the coke region.

"No, that is not," replied Prof. Deffenbaugh, "but our Uniontown friends do not agree."

"Well," said Dr. Stetson, "We never hear of Uniontown in the New England States. It is always Connellville."

HIT BY CAR.

Joseph Stroyny, Organist at Slavish Church, New Haven, in Hospital With Fractured Skull.

Joseph Stroyny of New Haven, while walking across the West Penn tracks to board the street car at Vandorbt last night, was struck by the car and is now in a serious condition at the Cottage State Hospital with a fractured skull.

A special car brought the injured man to New Haven where the ambulance met it. Stroyny is organist at the Slavish church in New Haven.

MISS MARY JOYCE

Died Last Evening at Home of Niece, Mrs. J. L. Lowmy.

Miss Mary Joyce, aged 60 years, a resident of Connellville for many years, died last evening at 6:30 o'clock at the home of her niece, Mrs. Jerry L. Lowmy, 508 Edin street, after a short illness. Death resulted from complication of diseases. Deceased was born in Ireland. At an early age she came to this country. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception church at 5 o'clock. Interment in St. Joseph's cemetery.

No. 3 Late. Train No. 3 engine tender jumped the track at Uniontown this morning, causing some delay.

TWO BODIES FOUND.

Total List of Dead at Monongah is Now 337.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 18.—Two more bodies were taken from the Monongah mines yesterday, making the total list of bodies recovered 337. The mine inspectors report another day in their investigation.

The slowness with which the work is proceeding makes it likely that the corner's inquiry which will take the mine inspectors a State investigation, will not begin until after Christmas.

ONLY STOLE ONCE; HAD ORDERS TO.

According to Geo. Brown, He Copped Chickens at Sherman's Command.

WHO OWNS CHICKENS NOW

Which Were Found in a Sack, and Which Brown is Said to Have Purchased in the Vicinity of South Connellville—Police Court News.

Who owns five fine chickens that are in City Hall? It is charged that George Brown, colored, stole them, but where? That's the question of the police court today. Brown's explanation of the affair states unique in the annals of police court history. He denies taking the fowls. He says the only time he ever stole chickens was once when he was ordered to do so.

"You see, your honor, General Sherman ordered me to steal chickens once, way back in 1861, when he was marching to the sea. I never touched a chicken since that didn't belong to me."

According to the police, Brown was followed in from South Connellville by one who saw him carrying the sack. The owner, named Peter Conney and Patrick A. G. Brown said:

"They told me to hold my hands and I held 'em up. Then they asked me where my sack was. I said I didn't have any sack. Then they hunted around and finally found a sack lying in the gutter at Eighth and Duquesne street. I didn't know where it came from, but there were chickens in that sack."

Brown was to be prosecuted before a Judge for larceny.

He has had rather a checkered career of late years. Some months ago he was charged with larceny, but he was let go.

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THE NEW SOISSON OPENED TO PUBLIC.

Big Throng Crowds Pretty Play House and All Are Delighted

WITH MANAGER ROBBINS' HOUSE

Last Night "The Honey-mooners" Entertain an Unusually Large Audience—Owner Joseph Soisson and Friends Occupy a Box—Society Turns Out.

The formal opening of the New Soisson Theatre last night was all that could have been desired by its friends. Connellville's newest and costliest playhouse was packed by an enthusiastic audience, every seat having been sold.

General Fred Robbins, manager of the new theatre, had just cause and reason for the satisfied smile on his face last evening. The reception accorded his latest venture contained all that was anticipated. On all sides were heard expressions of admiration concerning the new theatre, praise for the owner, Joseph Soisson, and the perseverance and energy of Mr. Robbins. Those who attended were lavishly in enjoying the new home to their friends.

Early in the evening the Connellville Military Band gave a concert in front of the theatre. Although the inclement weather has not yet been completed, it was brilliantly lighted for the occasion. That portion of Main street whereon the theatre is located presented a busy sight. When heavy curtains opened there was a rush of the delighted crowd for seats. A long line formed, reaching the entire length of the lobby. A majority of those who attended secured their seats in advance.

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TRIED TO KILL PRIEST.

Reverend Getschi Alleged to Have Been Struck by Priest.

GREENSBURG, Dec. 18.—(Special.) Because he is alleged to have taken an active part in breaking a strike at the Export mines last summer, Rev. John Getschi, a Polish priest was the object of an assassination plot last night. Dynamite, placed under the parish house was exploded with the evident intention of wrecking the building and killing the inmates. The explosion only damaged the porch and shattered the windows. Last summer an effort was made to burn the church.

QUITS INSTITUTE TO TAKE BRIDE.

Principal J. Buell Snyder and Miss Floribel Bishop Wed Tonight.

BRIDE AND GROOM WELL KNOWN

Letter is Principal of the Perryopolis High Schools and Prominent Fayette County Teacher—Wedding Will Be Quite One.

Miss Floribel Bishop, only daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Bishop of Perryopolis of Perryopolis, and J. Buell Snyder, principal of the Perryopolis High School, will be married this evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride.

The bride and groom will be united in matrimony by Rev. J. H. Enlow, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Perryopolis, will officiate.

The ceremony will be followed by a wedding dinner at the home of the bride, after which the young couple will drive to Vanderbilt where they will come to Connellville and take train No. 10 for Washington, D. C., where they will spend a week.

Mr. Snyder is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Snyder of Rockwood and is widely known throughout Fayette county. He was principal of the Rockwood schools for two years, principal of the Bertha schools for two years and is now serving his third year at Perryopolis. He has been re-elected for three additional years.

Miss Bishop is prominent socially in an accomplished musician. She also will live in Connellville, having visited friends here frequently. Mr. Snyder and his bride will make their home at the home of Mrs. Bishop after January 1.

Prof. Snyder since Monday morning has been attending the teachers' institute at Uniontown. He got leave of absence this morning from County Superintendent C. G. Lowery and came to Connellville, going to Perryopolis this afternoon. Few of the teachers know of the coming marriage to fact. It was a secret until this afternoon.

MUCH FOR MISSIONS.

Westmoreland and Moreland Presbyteries of Presbyterian Church Hold a Session.

A meeting of the Westmoreland Presbytery of the United Presbyterian church was held yesterday in Pittsburgh. A morning and afternoon session was held, and Dr. J. S. Guerin, financial agent of the Presbytery, stated that more money had been paid out to missions than in any previous year. Arrangements were made for the installation of Rev. Walter Hogue at Unity, Pa., and Rev. J. M. Hutchison at Irwin, Pa.

Committees were appointed to represent the Presbytery in the General Assembly, to be held late in May. Rev. J. J. Huston is one of these committees. Rev. Huston was also appointed to represent the Presbytery at the General Assembly on missions.

UPRISING THREATENED.

Russia and England Seek to Prevent Trouble in Teheran.

TEHERAN, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—English and English diplomats are exerting utmost efforts to avert a serious coming break between the Shah and Parliament which will result in a national uprising. Parliament and therefore played the Shah's move.

Strovs are filled with imperial troops with which the Shah has surrounded his palace. Liberals have thrown up barricades around the parliament house, guarding it against dissolution with 20,000 armed men.

It is stated today that humanity will be the place of Charles Wolfenden who was the victim of a plot of his wealthy uncle Ernest Baron of Edenburg.

ONLY MURDER CASE OF TERM CALLED FOR TRIAL TODAY.

Anton Sosteric, Who Murdered Vehr, a Beer Agent, at Brier Hill, is the Defendant.

DROPPED DEAD.

William Jackson, Colored, and Well Known About Town.

William Jackson, aged 35 years, dropped dead last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Neal Shalloway, at South Connellville. Death was due to apoplexy. Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Shalloway residence. Interment in Hill Grove cemetery.

Deceased was a native of Virginia. For the past few years he has resided with his daughter, Mrs. Shalloway. He was well known about here.

CHRISTMAS LAY-OFF.

Theatrical Companies at Customary Have a Little Off Time Before Christmas.

Theatrical read companies in Western Pennsylvania are having their customary lay-off for a few days before Christmas. In a number of towns in this end of the State there are big companies without dates until Christmas day. This is nothing unusual at this period of the year and does not necessarily indicate that business has been bad.

In Connellville members of the "Chief Stage" company, which has been a big money maker on the whole this season are registered at an up town hotel and will remain there until next Wednesday when the play is the Christmas attraction at the New Season theatre.

In Uniontown "The Glenbrook Man" which appears at the South on Saturday is laying over since last Saturday evening. After tonight McIntyre & Booth lay all night Christmas day.

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BITES KILLED HIM.

Thomas Moser, a Resident of Ruble, Pa., Died Yesterday Morning From Hydrophobia.

SOUTHFIELD, Dec. 18.—(Special.) The funeral of the late Thomas Moser, who died Tuesday of hydrophobia at his home at Southfield, will take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member. Rev. J. O. Barnes will officiate. Interment in the F. O. O. P. Cemetery, beside his wife, who died May 2, 1906.

Deceased was 58 years old and was one of the most highly respected citizens of the community in which he lived. All his life he spent at Southfield. He was the son of Abraham and Hannah Moser, deceased, of Georges township. He is survived by five brothers, Elton, George, John, James and Alexander Moser. One sister, Mrs. William Dills, also survives. All of his survivors live within a mile from where he died.

DIRECTORS CLOSE BANK

Until Vice President's Sudden Death Is Investigated by the Authorities.

NORTH BATTLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The Directors of the Jewelers' National Bank today ordered the doors of the institution closed, pending an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the death of Vice President Frederic B. Sturges, who was found dead in a bath tub last night. This occurred a few hours after Bank Examiner Hall started the annual investigation. The bank's deposits amount to \$1,000,000.

Crisis in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—A crisis is expected before the end of the week as a result of the czar's unwillingness to the Duma or dissolution of that body as a result of its demand for a full statement of the throne's naval program.

Rev. J. M. Barnett's Funeral.

The funeral of the late Rev. John M. Barnett will take place at Washington, Pa., tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the First Presbyterian church. Funeral Director J. H. Sims is in charge of the funeral.

Insanity Plea.

NEW CASTLE, Dec. 18.—(Special.) It is stated today that humanity will be the place of Charles Wolfenden who was the victim of a plot of his wealthy uncle Ernest Baron of Edenburg.

Neon Weather Bulletin.

Colder weather and snow tomorrow is the noon weather bulletin.

A SECOND DECREE VERDICT

Is Booked for this Afternoon—Acquittals by Juries in Assault and Battery Cases Are Returned—Order in Orphan's Court.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 18.—A jury was selected this morning in Judge Roper's court to try Anton Sosteric, charged with the murder of Lawrence Vehr, a beer agent, at Brier Hill some weeks ago. It is thought that a verdict of second degree murder will be returned early this afternoon.

First degree murder is not expected, and evidence of this was shown when District Attorney Hudson this morning accepted Solomon Davis as a juror despite his assertion of holding conscientious scruples against capital punishment. It took less than an hour to secure a jury to try the case. The jurors are:

John Adams, Bielefeld, J. M. Cavey, Connellville, John Hornell, Meadville, H. W. Williams, Washington, W. W. Whitely, Dunsmuir, Alexander Leake, Upper Tyrone, John Hines, Wellsburg, Floyd W. Cress, Spring Hill, Charles J. McConville, Uniontown, Solomon Davis, Berwyn, John Payton, German.

After the jury had been sworn District Attorney Hudson opened for the Commonwealth. Coroner A. S. Hagan was the first witness called. The death of Vehr was due to pneumonia, caused by a gunshot wound he sustained after the jury had been sworn. Dr. Hagan testified that while Vehr was lying on a table in his room he was shot. Sosteric came in and struck his victim by the head. Special Officer Jesse Wyatt told of finding Vehr lying beside a fence in front of the yard when he arrived. Wyatt had him removed inside and then arrested Sosteric, who offered no resistance.

It is said that the defense will call no witnesses, and the jury is expected to retire at the conclusion of the Commonwealth's testimony.

As an outcome of the fight at Chent Hill on the night of November 23, Sam Todd, John Doherty, John Barber, John Paul, Paul Popp and John Bartlett were acquitted but asked for three-fourths of the costs. Steve Doherty, the prosecutor, will pay the other four.

Louis Porty was found guilty of assault and battery upon Mary Borosh in a Uniontown restaurant. He was acquitted on the charge of assault and battery upon her.

The cases against Joseph Bartlett and Joseph Latovich are being tried before Judge Umble. Will John and Adam Portch they are being tried for assault and battery on Joseph Lisek at Oliver.

Before Judge Wood this morning Judge Orphan's Court an order was made allowing Mrs. Mary E. Myers \$12 a month towards the support of her three minor children. She is from Buttsville township.

SPRING EXPENSES.

State Will Reimburse Commissioners for Ones Held Last January for Spring Elections.

Speech to The Courier.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 18.—The Commissioners of the few Pennsylvania counties who have refused to arrange for uniform primaries next month for the nomination of candidates for the spring elections, because of the alleged fear that they will not be reimbursed by the State for money expended for primaries held last January, now have no cause for refusing.

Attorney General Todd advised Auditor General Young yesterday that the money appropriated by the last Legislature for the payment of expenses of uniform primaries may be used to reimburse the counties for the money expended last January, and they will be paid as soon as their bills have been audited and approved by the Auditor General.

While all but three counties have been thus reimbursed, none of them has been paid for the money expended at the winter primaries because the Auditor General was in doubt as to whether this money could be used for the payment of bills incurred prior to the passage of the appropriation act.

Neon Weather Bulletin.

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The Store That Does Just as It Advertises.

The News of Nearby Towns.

DUNBAR.

Events of the Day in the Busy Furnace Town.

DUNBAR, Dec. 18.—H. Brown of the Dunbar was here on Tuesday for a few days. W. A. M. of the Central Hotel Uniontown was here in Monday visiting Harry Van Gorder. Mr. W. Perkins, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church was in Dunbar on Tuesday, where he addressed the Sunday School Convention in session there. Mr. J. H. McMillan, who was formerly employed in Dunbar, is now accepted in position with D. C. Evans the engineer. Edward Seaton, who is employed in Dunbar, is home visiting his mother, Mrs. and Miss John Seaton, of Pochin Station. Mr. Margaret Kelly and Albin Swearing were two visitors (relatives and friends) in Connellsville Monday evening. Sister Keir and sister, Miss Marion, were Connellsville visitors in Monday evening. Mr. Clark White was shopping in Connellsville on Tuesday. Miss Ellen, daughter of Ohioville is here visiting friends. Mr. B. S. McQuit of Somersfield is here visiting friends. Mr. C. D. Evans was a business caller in Connellsville Tuesday. Mr. C. D. Evans was in Uniontown Tuesday transacting business. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. H. were in Connellsville on Tuesday. Mr. C. D. Evans was in Uniontown Tuesday transacting business. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. H. were in Connellsville on Tuesday. Mr. C. D. Evans was in Uniontown Tuesday transacting business.

MEYERSDALE.

Local and Personal Mention from the Big Somerset County Town.

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DAWSON.

Live Notes From the Busy Little Town Down the Yough.

DAWSON, Dec. 18.—Cook in manager of the Dawson hotel, and Otto H. H. were in Connellsville on Tuesday. Mr. C. D. Evans was in Uniontown Tuesday transacting business. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. H. were in Connellsville on Tuesday. Mr. C. D. Evans was in Uniontown Tuesday transacting business.

MT. PLEASANT.

Personal Chat of the Staid Old West moreland Town.

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ROCKWOOD.

Bright Paragraphs From the Big Somerset County Borough.

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OHIOVILLE.

Notes From the Little Mountain Resort Up the Yough.

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CONFLUENCE.

Interesting Items From Somerset County's Quaint Town.

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SUITS AND COATS ALTERED FREE.

Feldstein's

STORE OPEN IN THE EVENINGS.

Useful Holiday Gifts at Special Prices.

In order to add to the wealth of good cheer and give every one the fullest opportunity of remembering friends and relatives, Feldstein's is offering special Holiday Prices by taking advantage of those special prices, which requires but a trifling outlay, so small that you will scarcely miss the money. You will have no trouble in remembering all who are near and dear to you with a practical gift; a useful gift means a thoughtful gift and you should spend some time in making a proper selection. Do not wait until the last day, then rush in make a hurried selection and then worry whether it will please or not. Make it your business to come as early as possible.

What's Worth Spending Your Money for is Worth Giving Your Time To.

SKIRTS

Any Skirt in our house, including Voiles, Panamas and tancy mixtures, 33 1/3% off regular price, including alteration.

Ladies' Hosiery That Will Save You Much Xmas Money

Choice lot of Ladies' Black Lisle Hosiery, hand embroidered in fancy floral designs, double heel and toe, guaranteed fast and stainless, regular \$1.00, special .75c.

Ladies' Pure Silk Hose, double heel and toe and sole, pink, blue, black and brown, regular \$1.50 value, special \$1.25

Newest Christmas Hosiery, Ladies' black, pure silk hose, hand embroidered, in floral designs, such as daisies, holly, roses, etc., extra fine quality silk, special \$1.90

NET AND SILK WAISTS \$4.40

Over 100 to select from, all this season's styles, waists of net, tulle and fancy plaids and stripes, none sold for less than \$5.50, many up to \$6.50, special \$4.40

Ladies' Fine Neckwear and Handkerchiefs for Christmas.

Long Silk Scarfs, white, pink, blue, black and many other colors, \$1.25 value, special 98c

OTHERS UP TO \$5.00

Boxed Ruching, six neck lengths, in fancy holiday boxes, special 22c

OTHERS UP TO \$1.50 PER BOX.

Women's Initial Handkerchiefs, pure linen, neatly embroidered initials, 6 in box, worth \$1.50, special \$1.15

GLOVES MAKE WELCOME GIFTS.

Ladies' One Clasp Cape Gloves, in various shades, \$1.50 value, for \$1.19

Ladies' Two-Clasp Overseam Gloves, pairs point stitching, brown, tan, mode, red, green, black and white, excellent values at \$1.00, \$1.50, and \$2.00

LADIES' \$5.00 UMBRELLAS \$3.50

Finest grade of silk, good steel frame, a broad variety of plain and fancy handles, a splendid holiday gift for any lady, regular \$5.00 value, special \$3.50

Good grade of Gloria Umbrellas, plain and trimmed handles, taped edge, 26 inches long, steel rod, special \$2.40

Women's Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, ivory, silver, gold, pearl, horn and Princess style handles, "Paragon" steel rod, full size, \$10 and \$12.50 value, special \$7.90

SALE OF FURS.

Nothing is more acceptable as a gift to a woman than furs. Our stock is larger and such various prices as to meet the views of all.

Suits Sharply Reduced

One Lot of \$20, \$22.50 and \$25 Suits, Your Pick of the Lot for \$9.90
The above lot are fancy stripes and mixtures only. Other suits reduced accordingly.

FELDSTEIN'S

136 N. Pittsburg Street, Connellsville, Pa.

Sold in the brewery bottling
Pittsburgh Distributor
ERNEST C. RUSCH
886 Second Avenue
WILL BEYOND—CO BT 1313
P & A PHOTO-MAKING

Sold in the brewery bottling
Pittsburgh Distributor
LARNST F. BUSCH
550 Second Avenue
TELEPHONE—CO RT 1313
P. O. BOX—MAIN 1327

5 Buying Days from Now Until Xmas 5

All of the holiday preparations must be made in the next 5 days, rush days, of course, when tired shoppers seek the store that can most promptly care for their needs and where merchandise has the stamp of public approval. Such a store is the Wright Metzler establishment, sales force nearly doubled, every facilities increased and above all, stocks that, notwithstanding the roads made upon them by a most successful Christmas season, still remain reasonably complete, affording a broad collection of most desirable gift things. An enormous amount of business will be crowded into these last few days, but you'll find our excellent store service equal to the urgent demands that will be placed upon it.



YOU MUST REMEMBER EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY.

Xmas Handkerchiefs in Gift Boxes.

Here you find every one of handkerchief for every one, also, fine handkerchiefs for men, women, and children. Most of these are new designs, and you'll find among the gift things in our new designs, but none to be found in competitor's stores.

Women's Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 10c
Women's Hemstitched and Embroidered Handkerchiefs 10c to \$2.50
Women's Lace Handkerchiefs 25c to \$1.00
Women's Princess Lace Handkerchiefs 25c to \$5.00
Women's Initial Handkerchiefs, boxed 25c to \$1.50
Men's Handkerchiefs 10c to \$1.00
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs 25c and 50c

Jewelry as Gifts.

For new jewelry, visit our store. We have a large collection of jewelry, including watches, rings, necklaces, and earrings. Prices range from 10c to \$10.00.

Gifts for Women.

For gifts for women, visit our store. We have a large collection of gifts, including handkerchiefs, jewelry, and other items. Prices range from 10c to \$10.00.

Smoking Jackets.

For smoking jackets, visit our store. We have a large collection of smoking jackets, including men's and women's. Prices range from \$2.00 to \$10.00.

Umbrellas for Men and Women.

No more useful gift could be given than an umbrella. Our store has a large collection of umbrellas, including men's and women's. Prices range from 10c to \$10.00.

Gifts for Men.

For gifts for men, visit our store. We have a large collection of gifts, including handkerchiefs, jewelry, and other items. Prices range from 10c to \$10.00.

Gifts for Children.

For gifts for children, visit our store. We have a large collection of gifts, including toys, books, and other items. Prices range from 10c to \$10.00.

Mufflers in Gift Boxes.

For mufflers in gift boxes, visit our store. We have a large collection of mufflers, including men's and women's. Prices range from 10c to \$10.00.

We Have the Biggest Retail Fur Stores in Western Pennsylvania, Outside of Pittsburgh.

Our Slipper Store is a Busy Corner.

Visit our slipper store. We have a large collection of slippers, including men's and women's. Prices range from 10c to \$10.00.

A SLIPPER SPECIAL—Women's Fur Trimmed Slippers back Lower priced slippers—black fur tops, sizes from 3 to 7, with 10c to 25c. A decided bargain value. **98c**

At \$1.00 Women's Slippers in 10c to 25c. Visit our slipper store. We have a large collection of slippers, including men's and women's. Prices range from 10c to \$10.00.

At \$1.50 Women's Slippers in 10c to 25c. Visit our slipper store. We have a large collection of slippers, including men's and women's. Prices range from 10c to \$10.00.

At \$1.75 Women's Slippers in 10c to 25c. Visit our slipper store. We have a large collection of slippers, including men's and women's. Prices range from 10c to \$10.00.

At \$2.00 Women's Slippers in 10c to 25c. Visit our slipper store. We have a large collection of slippers, including men's and women's. Prices range from 10c to \$10.00.

We would not have these big fur trimmings if our fur business was not the biggest in Fayette County. Our business in furs is so large that we are able to offer you the best prices. Visit our fur store. We have a large collection of furs, including men's and women's. Prices range from 10c to \$10.00.

Women's Fox Scarfs.

For women's fox scarfs, visit our store. We have a large collection of fox scarfs, including men's and women's. Prices range from 10c to \$10.00.

Blended Squirrel Sets.

For blended squirrel sets, visit our store. We have a large collection of squirrel sets, including men's and women's. Prices range from 10c to \$10.00.

Children's Fur Sets.

For children's fur sets, visit our store. We have a large collection of fur sets, including men's and women's. Prices range from 10c to \$10.00.

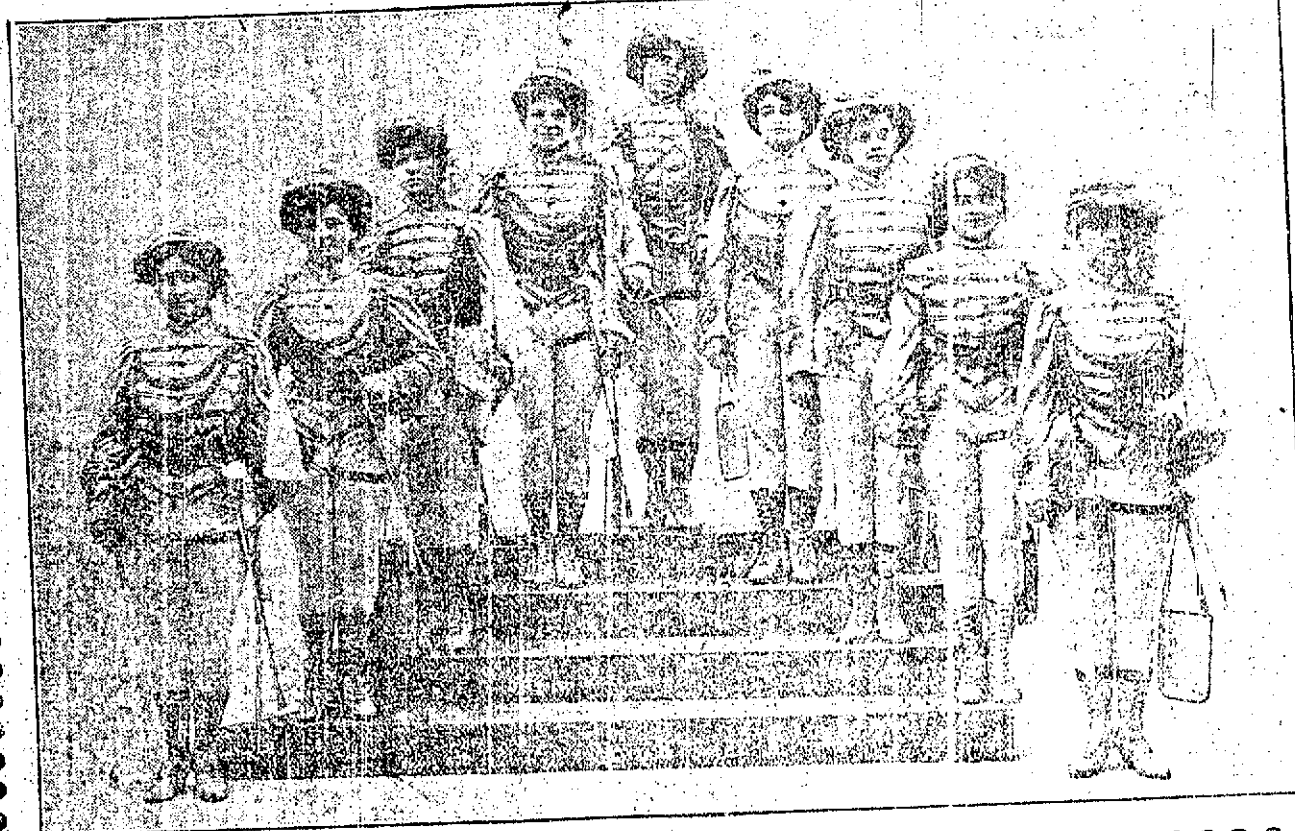
We're Selling More Toys than Ever.

Every day increases the enthusiasm in our big basement Toyland. The aisles are thronged with merry children and pleased parents for the toy showing was never so large nor were prices ever so low. All our toys are new, not old and dried out, and priced—not as an exclusive toy store would price them, but at department store prices that mean goodly savings to the many buyers of toys in this section and in these last rush days you'll find what you want for we make ample preparation that last minute needs may be filled. A few demonstrative prices:

Toy Toy Set 10c
Pewee Fox Set 10c
Mechanical Toy with truck 50c
Drum wood sh 11 inch head 50c
Piano, 15 eye rosewood finish 98c
Doll House 50c
Cute in Sheep and Store 50c
Keweenaw Toy money work and 10c
Incl. Toy 25c

WRIGHT-METZLER COMPANY.

New Soisson Theatre, Saturday, December 21, Matinee and Night



Nixon & Zimmerman

—PRESENT—
The Gorgeously Staged
Musical Fantasy

"THE GINGERBREAD MAN"

Book and Lyrics by FRED C. RANKEN
Music by A. BALDWIN SLOANE

ALL-STAR CAST

AND A BRILLIANT ENSEMBLE OF

62---PEOPLE---62

PRICES Matinee ... 25, 50c, 75c.
Night ... 25, 35, 50, 75, \$1.00, \$1.50.
Box Seats ... \$2.00.
Loge Seats ... \$1.50.

Seats on sale at Box Office of Theatre from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

EXPERIMENT STATION

Appalled at Recent Mine
Disaster Government
Acts.

TO BE LOCATED AT PITTSBURGH.

J. A. Holmes of Geological Survey
Will Have Charge of Work and His
Experiments Are Expected to Ben-
efit Miners of Western Pennsylvania

Appalled at the recent disaster
within and adjacent to the Pittsburgh
district, the Geological Survey has been
awakened to renewed activity in its efforts
to prevent loss of life and property due
generally to explosions, and as a result
an elaborate experimental station
is to be established in the Pittsburgh
district.

J. A. Holmes, chief of the technol-
ogy branch, will have charge of this
immediate work centering in this
district, and he has outlined a most in-
teresting series of experiments for the
station. The experiments will be
made for the purpose of ascertaining
the character of all kinds of explo-
sives used in mines and their effects
when brought into contact with coal
gas, the damp and dust.

Explosives will be thrown by means
of a mortar into the mouth of a huge
holder plate cylinder to be filled alter-
nately with the various kinds of
gases and dust accumulations which
are responsible for the terrific dan-
gers which mark the occupation
of mining as one of the most danger-
ous.

This cylinder will be 100 feet in

length and six feet in diameter, with
vents on top covered with automatic
flaps which will open with the force
of the explosion. Photo glass win-
dows will be arranged along the sides
so that it will be possible for the ex-
perimenters to observe the action of
the combustion brought into contact
with each other. Ignition will be
brought about by means of electricity.

Miners and operators will be in-
vited to witness these experiments, as
ignorance in the offices of mining
companies as well as in the mines is
thought to be responsible for many
mine disasters.

Following the recommendations
that will likely be made by the tech-
nology branch upon completing the
investigations and experiments in the
district, it is more than probable that
an elaborate system of blasting will
be in vogue at all of the mines
of the country. One of the chief dif-
ficulties that confront mining com-
panies is the danger of fire, and the
use of explosives is a very real prob-
lem in the coal mining region.

An apparatus not unlike that used
by divers has been found since set in
a large degree in European mines.
The experimental station, however,
will test all kinds of problems in the
department of the work. Certain
chemical compounds will be tried in
the hope that they may be used as
counteractives to the deadly after-
damps.

The department has called atten-
tion to the recent Monacaugh hor-
rifying West Virginia as an exam-
ple of what may happen. Owing
to the fact that the coal mining region
is the most likely place for the con-
duct of its experiments.

Rev. Lyle Resigns.

Rev. D. M. Lyle has resigned the

pastorship of the Mt. Pleasant Pres-

byterian church, owing to the illness

of his wife.

W. A. WERTZ'S FUNERAL.

Deceased Engineer Was Held in High

Esteem at Hyndman.

Rev. W. A. Wertz of Hyndman, Pa.,

was a useful local preacher at Hyd-

man of the United Evangelical church.

He was also a well known athletic en-

gineer on the Conneaut river division

of the P. & O. He was a respected

member of Division No. 9, Brother-

hood of Locomotive Engineers, and a

good husband, father and citizen.

He was born May 19, 1871, and was

accidentally shot, in the night, one

day last week, the ball entering above

the left eye after which he was taken

to the hospital in Conneaut, where

he passed away December 11, 1934.

He was 63 years, six months and 22 days

old at the time of his death, and was

survived by all his many friends, and

acquaintances at Hyndman. The fu-

neral was held from the United Evan-

gelical church, Sunday, December 16,

at 2 o'clock, and was followed by a

burial in the cemetery at Hyndman.

The following ministers were in at-

tendance: Rev. W. A. Leachman,

Lebanon, Pa.; Rev. D. J. Hershberger,

Portage, Pa.; Rev. S. M. Conine, El-

kirk, Pa.; and Rev. J. I. White, the

pastor. The service was delivered

by Rev. S. M. Conine, a former stu-

dent. The other ministers mentioned

were part in the service.

ISLE OF SPICE.

It Comes to the New Soisson Theatre

on Thursday.

At the rise of the curtain there is

a scene of a shipwrecked vessel, and

music that is melodious and sweet.

Location of scene and beautiful sur-

rounding are the scene in picture-

producing attributes in the "Isle of

Spice," which comes to the New Sois-

son Theatre on Thursday, December

12. Then the curtain rises and you

and make you laugh with their merr-

ing and dancing. Then there will

be a dancing number, rendered with

a splendidness that makes the whole

incomparably brilliant. The follow-

ing scene, and the very dramatic full

of sailing, sprouting chains of color in

all. It is the "Isle of Spice" with

its popular songs of the whirring

kind, its cost of principals with a

change of costumes, its beautiful de-

cor and scenic effects. The P. & O.

Walters' production.

Treble Damages Not Allowed.

A verdict in the sum of \$20,000 was

awarded to Sydney King of Lebanon

township, Westmoreland county, in

his suit against A. B. Myers, in

damages for property destroyed by

fire, taken from the defendant's

land by a fire in the night. The plain-

tiff sought to recover treble damages un-

der the act of 1871, under the affirma-

tion that the defendant took the fire

knowingly, but the defendant testi-

fied that an error of hearing was the

cause of the fire, and that by mis-

take he ran over on King's land. The

jury evidently believed that the fire

was accidental, and as the ver-

diction was merely for actual dam-

ages, the verdict was \$20,000.

French Experts Coming.

The French Commission of Coal

mines, which began an extensive in-

vestigation of the mine explosions

and mines looking to their prevention

after the recent disaster at Courrières,

has sent a committee headed by M.

Taffel, to America to study the sit-

uation here with particular reference

to the catastrophe at Monacaugh.

Lease Coal Land.

The Shavers Fork Coal Company

has been sold to S. S. Humphrey and

G. C. Miller all of the Shavers fork

coal and oil rights in a tract of 61 acres

in the Grant district, West Virginia.

The tract is valued at \$25,000.

GAS PRODUCTION.

Billions of Cubic Feet Produced in

Year 1933.

Statistics collected by the United

States Geological Survey and pub-

lished in an advance chapter from

"Mineral Resources of the United

States, January, 1934," show

that the natural gas production of the

United States for 1933 amounted to

28,815,200,000 cubic feet measured at

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